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TAGS: PREF, EAID, UN, RW, PREL, MOPS, UNSC, PHUM
SUBJECT: HIGH PROTEIN FOOD NEEDED FOR RWANDA REFUGEES
-- AS FLOW TO BUKAVU GROWS; MSF ASKS USG SUPPORT
-- FOR FRENCH SAFE HAVEN

1. SUMMARY: UN DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PETER
HANSEN TOLD USUN JULY 18 THAT THE RWANDA REFUGEE FLOW
INTO BUKAVU WAS GROWING AND THAT HIGH PROTEIN FOODS ARE
URGENTLY NEEDED. PREVIOUSLY, ON JULY 15, MEDECINS SANS

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FRONTIERES (MSF) MET WITH AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH TO REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES THROUGH A STRONGER UNAMIR AND USG SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH SAFE HAVEN, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF THE TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI. END SUMMARY.

2. PREVIOUSLY, OFFICIALS FROM MSF BELGIUM AND MSF NETHERLANDS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH JULY 15 TO RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING NUMBER OF REFUGEES FLEEING FROM THE FRENCH SAFE HAVEN AREA TO ZAIRE. MSF EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN ZAIRE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MAINTAIN SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND WOULD BE OVERWHELMED. MSF BELIEVES THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THIS SITUATION IS TO REPATRIATE THE REFUGEES AND CONVINCE THEM TO STAY IN RWANDA.

3. MSF REQUESTED THREE THINGS FROM THE USG TO CREATE A SENSE OF SECURITY IN THE FRENCH SAFE HAVEN ZONE:

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-- TO SUPPORT A REINFORCEMENT OF UNAMIR AND INCREASED NUMBER OF UN AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREAS;

-- TO ESTABLISH A US PRESENCE IN THE AREA THROUGH A USAID DART TEAM OR USG FINANCIAL BACKING; AND

-- TO RECOGNIZE THE TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI. MSF BELIEVES THAT THESE THREE REQUESTS WILL ENHANCE THE SENSE OF SECURITY IN THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE AND CONVINCE THE REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME.

HANSEN'S BRIEFING

4. ON JULY 18, DHA'S PETER HANSEN BRIEFED USUN OFFICIALS ON A TELEPHONE CALL HE RECEIVED FROM ARTURO HEIN, RWANDAN HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR. HEIN REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

-- 150,000 REFUGEES HAVE CROSSED INTO ZAIRE FROM BUKAVU AND 750,000 ARE ON THE MOVE FROM THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 1 MILLION REFUGEES IN GOMA AND THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR 1.5 MILLION MORE REFUGEES TO FLEE

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INTO BUKAVU.

-- FOOD STOCKS FROM SUDAN AND TRUCKS FROM ENTEBBE ARE
BEING USED, BUT THE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS NEED MORE HIGH
PROTEIN LOW VOLUME FOOD. 41 PLANES ARE WAITING TO FLY
INTO GOMA, WHICH WAS CLOSED TO CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT
YESTERDAY BY THE ABSENCE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.

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TODAY THE CONTROLLERS HAVE RETURNED AND WFP SENT IN TWO
AIRPLANES.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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